

Woods Plans Shake-Up of Detectives

Will Weld Oldtime and New Methods and Drop Dead Wood

School for Sleuths Feature of Bureau

Commissioner Denies Reorganization Is Due to Cruger Murder Mystery

Commissioner Woods announced yesterday that he intends to reorganize the Detective Bureau. His decision, he said, was not inspired by errors that were disclosed in the solution of the Ruth Cruger mystery, although he believed that the new bureau would make such errors impossible. It was the result, he said, of a thorough overhauling of crime detecting methods which had been under way for months.

Since Inspector Byrnes hung his hat at 300 Mulberry Street detective methods in the New York Police Department have been a strange mixture of the methods of that efficient exponent of obvious tactics and of the filling cabinets and card indices introduced by latter-day deputy commissioners. The two elements have not proved harmonious.

Hated Filing Cabinets

Much effective work was done by the men of the old school, who worked by rule of thumb, the grace of Providence and the aid of stool pigeons. They had, however, an inborn hatred for filing cabinets, card indices and lengthy reports. The serene confidence of every seasoned "copper" that commissioners might come and go, but he was the original hardy perennial, was there. What good there was in the "scientific" innovations was counterbalanced by their effect on these men, who because of their experience and shrewdness were the real backbone of the bureau. If young men took the "scientific" methods as a natural attribute of the bureau some of the more deeply rooted standpoints were apt to suspect them of attempting to curry favor. The bureau did not work as a unit and was not getting the utmost from the materials it had.

In the reorganized bureau Commissioner Woods believes that the rigidity of the more modern system has been adapted to that of the older, so that the two will join comfortably. Forming a sounder scientific detective bureau founded on the hard sense and experience of the "oldsmen."

School for Detectives

What Mr. Woods regards as the most important element in his plan is the school for detectives. It is to be in charge of Inspector John Cray. The pupils will be patrolmen who have displayed aptitude for detective work. The instructors will include detectives who have made specialties of certain kinds of crime; lawyers, who will lecture on the rules of evidence and court procedure; and experts in detective business in this country and Europe. There will be practical instruction at the scenes of crimes, and hypothetical crimes will be staged.

Among the lecturers from the department are Frank Cassassa, who has been studying and catching pickpockets for more years than he cares to admit; Barney McGinnis, the arch enemy of Javed Fagg; and particularly, a financier in general; Lieutenant Williams, who knew every member of the "carban gang" by his first name and wasn't afraid to call when he wanted him; Clinton Wood, who once was murdered to the back of Father Hans Schmidt and since then has devoted his attention to labor troubles; Dick McKenna, Cassassa's former partner, who will be the expert on mail and kidnapping; Patrick Gidea, Arthur Carey, Sergeant Curtaine, John Finn, John Boyle, Grant Williams, Joseph Donovan, Inspector Thomas Myers, Captain Tunney, of the "horn squad," and a bullet man and tell you when the shot was fired.

Minor cases will be shifted to precinct patrolmen. Each "specialist" will get the work for which he is best fitted; "deadwood" will be lopped off; the report system will be simplified and the methods in use in hunting missing persons renovated.

Play Ball, Says Wilson

President Sees No Need of Curtailing League Schedules

(By Telegram to The Tribune) Chicago, Aug. 3.—President Wilson has come to the bat in a pinch and saved professional baseball. Gloomy interviews given recently by President Ban Johnson of the American League, with a sombre follow-up by President Tener of the National League, indicated that there would be no world's series this fall. Johnson's interviews followed a visit to Washington and it naturally was presumed that he had some sort of hint from the White House.

In order to find out just what the situation was, President Wilson was asked if he considered it advisable to cancel major league schedules or call off the world series. Following is his reply: "Washington, July 31, 1917. "My Dear Sir: The President asks me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of July 28, and to say that he sees no necessity at all for stopping or curtailing the baseball schedules. "Sincerely yours, J. P. TUMULTY, "Secretary to the President."

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Has Four Husbands; No More for a Year

Fourth Discovered as Irene Walls Is Sentenced.

Marian Ruth Ransom, whose fourth husband was located recently, will do no more marrying for at least a year to come. This interval, Judge Hyman informed her in the Kings County Court yesterday, she will spend in the Bedford Reformatory.

When the woman was first arrested for bigamy it was charged that she had three husbands. Yesterday, just before she was arraigned for sentence, it was announced that a fourth spouse, Jack Newman by name, had been discovered.

After she was sentenced the prisoner said her real name was Irene Walls, and that she was thirty years old instead of twenty-four, as she had previously stated.

Cooper Indicted for Neglecting Duty; Police Censured

Acting Captain Arraigned and Held Under \$1,000 Bail for Neglect

Acting Captain Alonso Cooper, former head of the Fourth Branch Detective Bureau, was indicted yesterday for neglect of duty in the Ruth Cruger case. The grand jury which found the indictment handed up to Judge McIntyre in General Sessions a presentment criticizing the work of the police in general and particularly the lack of adequate supervision of the detectives in the Cruger case by Deputy Police Commissioner Guy Scull, in charge of the Detective Bureau.

It was learned that the grand jurors did not pass on the evidence of guilt in the cases of two or three other police officials who have been under fire in the investigation. It was said that they desired that such attention be given to the extraordinary grand jury, which is to be sworn in on August 27 by Supreme Court Justice Goff, at the direction of Governor Witman.

Scull Silent on Criticism

When informed of the criticism leveled at him Deputy Police Commissioner Scull declined to make any comment. The grand jury found lack of coordination between the uniformed force and the Detective Bureau, and also that there seems to be a lack of interest in the discovery of crime on the part of the officers and detectives of the Fourth Branch, which prevents the discovery of crime and "permits the escape of criminals."

In the case of missing persons, the grand jury found that "there has been grand jury and cruel rule on the part of the Police Department to do nothing in regard to such cases for twenty-four hours," and when urged by friends and relatives of missing persons to take immediate action the police have always invoked this rule. The jurors urged that missing persons should be sought at least as much attention as the part of detectives as do missing automobiles, and that a general alarm should be issued at once.

Cooper Held in \$1,000 Bail

Finally, the presentment declares that the police are to be little or no supervision over motorcycle police, who apparently remain off post as long as they desire and congregate in places outside of their respective posts. Acting Captain Cooper was arraigned before Judge McIntyre in General Sessions and was held in \$1,000 bail, which was furnished. Frank Aronow is his counsel.

Aged Woman Held as \$100,000 Swindler

Marion La Touche Induced Women to Make Fake Investments, Is Charged

Marion La Touche, also known as Carrie Moore, an old offender in the get-rich-quick world, was held yesterday in \$35,000 bail by Judge McIntyre, in General Sessions, on a charge of grand larceny in the second degree. She is sixty-six years old and her hair is gray. The complainant, Anna Fitzgerald, of 78 Lafayette Avenue, Brooklyn, accused her of misappropriating \$250, which she had given her to invest in Colorado Fuel stock.

Assistant District Attorney Well told Judge McIntyre that there were scores of similar complaints against the woman, and it would probably be shown that she had stolen \$100,000 from her victims. The defendant maintained an office downtown, and by means of advertisements, it is alleged, she guaranteed to demonstrate to women investors the secret of the game of "beating" Wall Street. She has a police record and was sentenced to the penitentiary in 1884.

Southern Pacific Strike Deferred

San Francisco, Aug. 3.—A strike of 8,500 employees of the Southern Pacific Company, which was called for tomorrow night, has been deferred pending action by Federal mediators, it was announced to-night.

The following statement was issued by the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen to-night: "The strike has been deferred. The Southern Pacific Company has appealed for Federal mediators, and the Federal Board of Mediation and Conciliation, representatives of the trainmen have decided to accept the good offices of Federal mediators. It was declared that the National Council of Defense had taken an active part in bringing about the postponement of the walkout.

Footpad Flees With \$1,566

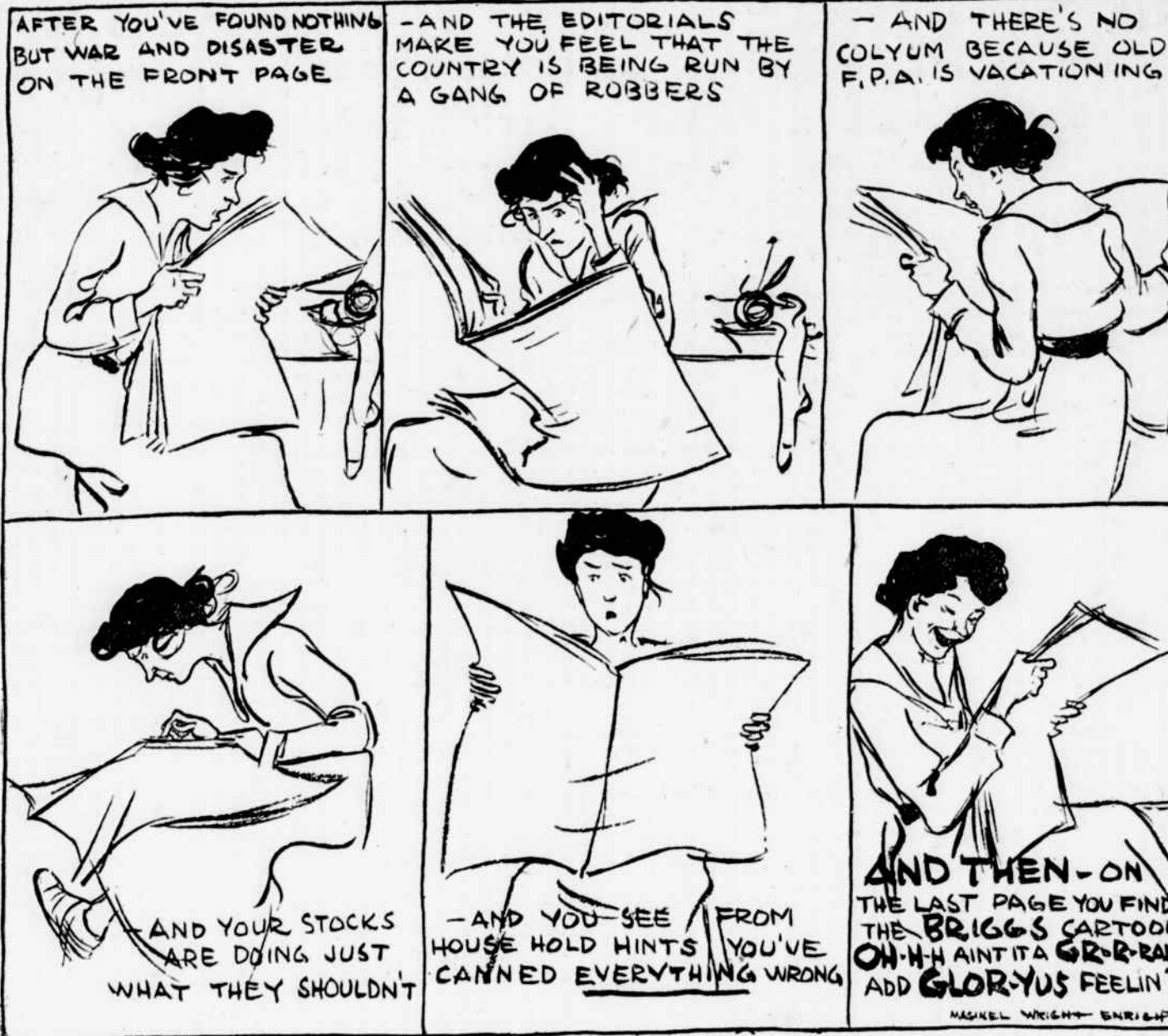
Eludes Pursuers After Snatching Money From Cashier

Edmund Slorant, cashier for the Pierce, Butler & Pierce Manufacturing Corporation, was knocked down yesterday as he was entering the factory at 437 East 162nd Street, The Bronx, by a man who snatched a rolled newspaper the cashier carried under his arm. The newspaper contained a roll of bills amounting to \$1,566.

The footpad ran east and was chased more than a mile by two chauffeurs who witnessed the attack, but he eluded them.

That Grand and Glorious Briggsy Feeling!

With the Compliments of one of Briggs' Admirers.



Telegraphers Object To Wage Increases

Send President to Erie Railroad to Protest Because Union Was Ignored

Telegraphers employed by the Erie Railroad Company have sent H. B. Perham, president of the Order of Railway Telegraphers, to this city to protest to the officials of the company against increases in wages which were voluntarily granted June 1 and August 1, of this year, and to discuss other grievances.

Executives of the company said, after being informed of Mr. Perham's arrival yesterday, that they knew nothing of any grievances on the part of the telegraphers, and that no intimation had reached them of a contemplated strike. President Perham said last night that any strike reports are premature.

The railroad officials point out that all telegraphers in the system received a 10 per cent increase in pay, effective August 1, and that that increase followed one of June 1, which included most of the men.

The Erie Railroad Company was approached October 1, 1916, said Mr. Perham last night, "by a committee of employees in regard to a revision of their schedule and wage scale—the wages being as low as \$45 and \$50 a month. The committee was put off by pretexts from that time to this."

"Meantime the Erie raised wages twice behind the backs of the telegraphers' committee and virtually refused to do business with the duly elected representatives of the employees. "If the men allow these wage increases to go into effect the officials of the Erie would then be in a position to reduce wages at any time they saw fit, since no contract or agreement binds the increases."

Five Deaths Follow In Wake of the Heat

Dispatches from other cities last night showed that relief from the recent hot wave was general, and Washington promised that it was as permanent as could be expected at this season. The aftermath in New York, however, included five deaths and a dozen prostrations, due for the most part to impaired vitality.

Dr. Charles F. Bolduan, of the Department of Health, declared that 190 deaths in the twenty-four hours ended at noon were due directly to the heat. In Manhattan 66 deaths were due to that cause, he said; in Brooklyn, 86; in The Bronx, 22; in Queens and Richmond, 12 each. The following deaths from the heat were reported at Police Headquarters:

Blantz, Yetta, 806 East 181st Street, Kines, Harry, grocer, 3418 Park Avenue.

Unidentified man, 250 West 125th Street.

Unidentified man, 966 Sixth Avenue. Joseph Navalvale, who was taken to a Jersey City hospital on Thursday, died there yesterday. It will take until tomorrow morning for the Department of Health to rid the city of the carcasses of horses which succumbed to the heat. Ordinarily the daily death rate is from twelve to fifteen. Since 1 a.m. on Monday 653 died.

Frosts in Minnesota

Brainerd, Minn., Aug. 3.—The government thermometer registered 34 degrees early to-day. Light frosts were reported from neighboring points.

Boxer Killed in Brawl

Harry Alexander Shot in Long Island City Saloon

Harry Alexander, a fighter who has appeared at clubs in Queens, Brooklyn and Manhattan, was shot and killed early last night in a saloon at 75 Vernon Avenue, Long Island City. Alexander recently was released from the Workhouse, where he served six months for disorderly conduct. It is believed that a reference to his imprisonment started the fight.

Although the saloon is within half a block of a police station and is crowded at that time, its only occupants when the police arrived were Alexander and Hugh Quinn, the proprietor.

Royal Russian Gems Hidden In Germany by the Czarina

Her Intuition Caused Her to Send \$100,000,000 Worth of Jewels to Grand Duke of Hesse—Priceless Paintings in Winter Palace Also Missing

The Russian royal jewels, including the gems that incriminated the imperial Romanoff crown, are safe from the democratic hands of the new rulers in Petrograd. With a woman's intuitive knowledge of troubles ahead, the former Czarina had them tucked away in a safe deposit vault in her ancestral city of Darmstadt, Germany, right at the beginning of the war.

And there they will remain until Mr. and Mrs. Romanoff claim them again.

Czarina Blamed for War

The story of the Russian royal jewels is published in the current number of "The Chronicle," the dollar-a-copy magazine sponsored by New York society folk. "The Chronicle" article, which is entitled "A Woman Caused the War," states that the former Czarina was largely responsible for the war, in that she assured her German friends and relatives that Russia would not be a formidable antagonist. She proceeded to prove this ante-bellum prediction by pro-German intrigue which ended with the revolution and the overthrow of the Romanoff dynasty.

But the former Czarina, who, before her marriage was Princess Alexandra Alice of Hesse, had no illusions about Germany. Accordingly, she packed up the family jewels in the summer of 1914, when she saw the international war clouds appear, and sent them in charge of trusted messengers to her brother, the Grand Duke of Hesse, for safe keeping till peace was restored. The royal emissaries traveled by the way of Finland and Sweden. They reached their destination before the mobilization of the Russian army was complete.

The tale of the Czarina's German forswearance in the matter of evasion of the family gems is said to have been revealed to a New York society woman by members of the Russian Commission who visited New York City recently.

The New York woman had her eye peeled for bargains in royal jewelry and approached members of the commission on the subject of purchasing a string of rare pearls which she had seen the former Czarina wear at a fashionable European resort some years ago. She was told that she would have to talk to Mrs. Romanoff or her brother, the Grand Duke of Hesse.

Gems Worth \$100,000,000

Ivan Nardodny, of 61 Broadway, Russian business man and writer, corroborated the article in "The Chronicle" yesterday. Mr. Nardodny said it was impossible to place an exact value on the royal jewels, but estimated that they ought to bring close to \$100,000,000 in the market. He said they were of far greater intrinsic value than the historic jewels deposited in the Kremlin, which are safe.

The disappearance of the royal jewels became known about a month after the revolution, when the Provisional Government's appraisers were taking an inventory of the Hermitage, one of the structures of the Winter Palace, where the treasures were supposed to be kept, according to Mr. Nardodny.

"When the vaults of the Hermitage were opened the jewel boxes were empty," said Mr. Nardodny. "The investigation reported on this silk cushion in one chamber of the vault, but all of its stones were found to be of paste."

Famous Paintings Gone

"Examination of the famous paintings hung on the walls of the Hermitage and the Winter Palace revealed that many priceless canvases had been removed and replaced with cheap copies. Nobody knows what became of the originals. These discoveries so aroused the Provisional Government that an investigation is now under way to see how many of Russia's art treasures have been stolen. The museums of Moscow and Petrograd contain wonderful collections of precious stones, including the finest collections of rubies and emeralds in existence. Some time ago I received a letter from a government official asking me to recommend an American expert to assist in the examination."

Mr. Nardodny said he did not believe that any of the royal jewels had been sold.

Murders Wife While British Have Captured World Coconut Trade

Washington, Aug. 3.—Reports received here state that Britain has taken over the coconut trade of the Germans and reorganized the industry throughout the world. Before the war, Hamburg and Marseilles were the two great coconut butter distributing points. Immediately after the war began British agents were dispatched to every part of the world where coconuts were grown. They entered into arrangements to supplant the Germans. Many of them were sent to the Philippines.

\$12,000 Hidden Loot Causes Arrest of Six

Cloth and Women's Skirts Stolen Month Ago Found in Macaroni Factory

Detectives watched the unloading of a truck yesterday in front of the macaroni factory of Vincenzo and Antonio De Lisi, at 411 East Sixty-third Street. When the job was completed they entered the macaroni factory and identified \$12,000 worth of cloth and women's skirts as the goods they had seen unloaded.

Even the high price of flour did not explain that to the satisfaction of the police, and the brothers De Lisi were arrested, with their partner, Giuseppe Bertolino; Antonio Pastronzo, whose tailor shop is above the factory, Michael Pecoraro and Giovanni Gienio. In the Tombs police court each was held in \$2,000 bail on a charge of receiving stolen goods.

The cloth and skirts were identified as part of a \$21,000 shipment that was stolen from the Amoskeag Manufacturing Company, 34 Thomas Street, on July 2. The drivers of two trucks which carried the shipment had turned their vehicles over to strangers at Fifty-second Street and Second Avenue, and beyond that point the police had not been able to trace the goods until several days ago.

Mrs. Van Valkenburg To Wed Nobleman

Engagement to Duke of Oporto Announced at Naples

London, Aug. 3.—The engagement has been announced at Naples of the Duke of Oporto to Mrs. Philip van Valkenburg, of New York, according to a dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Rome.

Mrs. Van Valkenburg has twice been married, her first husband having been William Hays Chapman, who died in October, 1907, leaving her a large fortune. She divorced Mr. Van Valkenburg in 1914.

The late King Carlos, of Portugal, was a brother of the Duke of Oporto, who is fifty-two years old.

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'Pro-German' Members Denounced in House

Heflin Asks Illinois to Repudiate Mason and Britten.

(By Telegram to The Tribune)

Washington, Aug. 3.—Representative Heflin, of Alabama, to-day called upon Illinois to repudiate Representatives Mason and Britten, of Chicago, for their "pro-German sympathies and opposition to the draft bill."

In a vigorous speech he denounced not only Mason and Britten, but also Senators Hardwick, of Georgia; La Follette, of Wisconsin, and others for opposition to the war.

When Representative Miller, of Minnesota, called Heflin's attention to the fact that neither Mason nor Britten was in the chamber, he declared he would have said the same thing if they had been present.

"I think they are out stirring up opposition to the war, to the selective draft, and getting Germans to hold meetings and ask that they be exempted from the service," shouted Heflin. On motion of Representative Stafford, of Wisconsin, this part of Heflin's speech was expunged by a vote of 190 to 122, with sixteen voting present. Heflin began by declaring the country was getting tired of the "eternal delay" in Congress.

German-Americans Loyal, Says Wilson

Washington, Aug. 3.—President Wilson, in a letter to Representative Dyer, of Missouri, to-day reiterated his confidence in the loyalty of the great body of American citizens of German blood.

Representative Dyer complained that Federal officials had discharged from their positions, without hearing and simply on statements or affidavits, citizens of German blood in St. Louis whose loyalty had been questioned, and that government officials there in assuming the attitude of determining what is patriotic in the entire number of the best people in the city simply because of their German forefathers. The President wrote in part:

Your letters have struck a responsive chord in my mind. I have been made aware from various sources of the unfortunate position in which a very large number of our loyal fellow citizens are placed because of their German origin or affiliations.

I am sure that they need no further assurance from me of my confidence in the entire integrity and loyalty of the great body of our citizens of German blood. You know that not once, but many times, in my public addresses I have expressed this confidence. I do not like to multiply occasions to express it, simply because it would seem to indicate on my part a doubt as to whether the country had believed my previous assurances to be sincere. May I not be reasonably assured that it would be easy to make use of the passages I have referred to from my former addresses to do something, I hope not a little, to offset the evil influences that are at work?

Otto Sasmann, of St. Louis, for sixteen years a railway mail clerk, with a clean record, a Spanish-American War veteran, who had subscribed for Liberty Loan bonds, contributed to the American Red Cross funds and had flown the Stars and Stripes over his home since the war with Germany was declared, Mr. Dyer said, was discharged for disloyalty, without notice, and has yet to learn what his disloyalty consists of.

The action of the Lawyers' Mortgage Company will be followed by other financial interests of importance if they have an eye on the business of the country, as they maintain here assets only equal to 10 cents for each \$1,000 of risk, or less than one-tenth the amount maintained by the companies associated with them in the business and the companies that are accepting their policies as reinsurers. What funds they have in Germany are not available, and if they were available would not be worth 4 cents on the dollar.

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Won't Seize Assets

"No proposition has been made by any one to seize the assets of these companies, with 75 per cent securities held by them until their liabilities run out, as are the assets of the American companies which formerly transacted business in Germany, which is now corrupted by the war. The better day of American companies and companies of high standing have almost universally discontinued their reinsurance treaties with these people."

"There is only one extenuating circumstance, and that is your previous good character. You will be on probation for one year, and I sentence you to keep away from all gatherings of women and all mixed gatherings of men and women during that time. Should you disobey you will be rearrested, returned before me, your probation will be revoked and you will go to the workhouse for a long stay."

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